

SUBJECT: Used Lumber

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SEE ALSO: 2003 IRC – sections R502.1, 602.1 and 702.1

INTERPRETATION SUMMARY

This section of the code requires that all wooden structural building materials be appropriately identified with proper grade stamps. This Department will allow the use of used lumber in nonstructural applications such as sheathing, backing or blocking provided it is in good condition. However, the use of used lumber in structural applications is generally discouraged except for relatively minor uses. In those cases where it is approved, unless a grade stamp can be identified, we determine spans and spacing that will be approved based on the lowest grade of the weakest species recognized by the building code for the dimensional size of the used lumber that is proposed to be reused.